

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-31 are currently pending. Claim 9 has been cancelled and claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 1 rather than claim 9.

The Examiner has identified in the application the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I, as represented by Figs. 2 and 3;

Species II, as represented by Figs. 4 and 5; and

Species III, as represented by Figs. 6 and 7.

The Examiner has required election of one of the species for prosecution. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute Species I as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The Examiner has indicated that claim 1 is generic. In addition to claim 1, claims 2-8 and 10-31 read on Species I. Claim 9 is directed to one of the non-elected species and has been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected species at a later date.

CONCLUSION

Applicant elects to continue prosecution of Species I, including claims 1-8 and 10-31.

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